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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *31 October 2007*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-24,36-75 and 87-90* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-24,36-75 and 87-90* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. *03/21/07* .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

In view of the appeal brief filed on 10/31/07, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below.

MICHAEL G. HARTLEY
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17-24, 40-43, 45-50, 52, 53, 55-65, 67, 68, 70-75 and 87-90 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liversidge et al. US 5,145,684, in view of Kuczynski et al. US 5,024,843.

Liversidge teaches a dispersible particle comprising from about 0.1-60% crystalline drug substance, and from about 0.1 to about 90% surface modifier. The particle has an effective average particle size of less than about 400 nm (abstract;

column 2, lines 31-43; and column 5, lines 65 through column 6, lines 1-5). Suitable drug substance includes anti-diabetic agents (column 3, lines 57-58). Surface modifier includes hydroxypropyl cellulose (column 4, lines 34-63). Liversidge further teaches a method for preparing the dispersible particle comprising dispersing a drug substance in a liquid dispersion that contains surface modifier to form a premix, homogenizing the premix, and subjecting the premix to grinding media (column 5, lines 41 through column 6, lines 1-17). The obtained dispersion of surface modified drug nanoparticles is combined with pharmaceutical excipient to form pharmaceutical formulation for oral, rectal, injection administration, and the like (column 7, lines 48-64).

Liversidge does not explicitly teach the claimed active, such as glipizide.

Kuczynski teaches anti-diabetic drug includes glipizide in a dosage form for administration to patients in need of glipizide therapy (abstract). Kuczynski further teaches glipizide is known to lower blood glucose, and is useful for patients with non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (column 1, lines 45-20). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to select glipizide as an anti-diabetic agent in view of the teaching of Kuczynski, because Kuczynski teaches glipizide is a known antidiabetic agent in pharmaceutical art, and because Kuczynski teaches glipizide is odorless and advantage antidiabetic agent useful for the treatment of diabetes.

It is noted that the cited references do not expressly teach the claimed properties, such as the T_{max}, C_{max}, AUC, and release profiles. However, it is the position of the examiner that the composition taught by the cited references would have the properties similar to that of the claimed properties, because the references teach the

use of the claimed surface modifying agent hydroxypropyl cellulose to obtain a surface modified nanoparticle having effective particle size of less than 400 nm. It is noted that products of identical chemical composition cannot have mutually exclusive properties. A chemical composition and its properties are inseparable. Therefore, if the prior art teaches the identical chemical structure, the properties applicant discloses and/or claims are necessarily present. *In re Spada*, 911 F.2d 705, 709, 15 USPQ2d 1655, 1658 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liversidge et al. US 5,145,684, in view of Kuczynski et al. US 5,024,843 and Baralle et al. GB 2316316.

Claim 16 was indicated allowable during the interview dated 03/21/07. However, upon reconsideration, claim 16 is rejected for the following reason:

Liversidge is relied upon for the reasons stated above. Liversidge does not teach the second population of particle having different particle distribution from the particle distribution of (a). However, bimodal particle distribution is known in pharmaceutical art. Baralle teaches a liquid composition comprising bimodal particle size distribution suitable for parenteral administration (abstract; page 3, lines 23-32; and page 7, lines 3 through page 8, lines 1-23). Accordingly, depend in the release profile desired, the skilled artisan would have been motivated to modify the formulation of Liversidge to include the bimodal particle distribution in view of the teaching of Baralle, because Baralle teaches a bimodal particle distribution is known in pharmaceutical art, because

Baralle teaches a bimodal particle distribution that exhibits a useful sustained release profiles that is free of serious side-effects (pages 3-4).

Claims 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liversidge et al. US 5,145,684, in view of Kuczynski et al. US 5,024,843 and Lo et al. 4,389,397.

Liversidge is relied upon for the reason stated above. Liversidge does not explicitly teach the viscosity of the liquid dosage form. However, the viscosity of the dosage form is inherent because Liversidge teaches a viscosity of the premix suspension is less than about 1000 centipoise (1000 mPa·s) (column 6, lines 5-31). Further, Lo is cited for the teaching of low water solubility drug is preferably formulated in liquid dosage form having low viscosity to achieve excellent stability and syringability (abstract; and column 4, lines 10-17). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the liquid dosage form of Liversidge in a low viscous solution in view of the teaching of Lo to obtain a stable liquid dosage form suitable for water-insoluble drug. This is because Lo teaches Lo teaches liquid dosage form having high viscosity will cause precipitation, irritation and tissue damage at the injection site (column 1, lines 25-29), because Lo teaches a low viscosity liquid dosage form overcomes the disadvantages in the prior arts and exhibits excellent syringability (ID), and because Liversidge teaches the desirability of obtaining a suitable liquid dosage form useful for a wide variety of water-insoluble drugs.

Claims 9, 12, 44, 51, 54, 66 and 69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liversidge et al. US 5,145,684, in view of Kuczynski et al. US 5,024,843 and Parikh et al. WO 98/07414.

Liversidge and Kuczynski are relied upon for the reason stated above. The references do not teach the steps in claim 44, as well as the use of at least two surface stabilizers.

Parikh teaches a composition comprising microparticles of water-insoluble drugs and method for preparing same (abstract). The composition comprises the use of combination of surface modifiers and a phospholipid (page 3, lines 4-16). The method comprises mixing the insoluble drugs particle with phospholipid and precipitating from a dissolved mixture of the substance, phospholipid and surfactant followed by sonication, milling, homogenization, and solvent precipitation (page 8, first paragraph). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of Liversidge using the steps in view of the teaching of Parikh, because Parikh teaches a method suitable to prepare water-insoluble drugs that converts lipophilic to hydrophilic surfaces with increased steric hindrance/stability, and possibly modify zeta potential of surfaces with more chare repulsion stabilization (page 3, last paragraph).

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-0606. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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